

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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23. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system comprising:

data storage means for storing sets of data relating to:

- (a) parking locations at which a vehicle is to be parked, and
- (b) parking regulations, individually associated with the parking locations, that govern at least one of:
 - (1) the days of the week and the times of the day during which the parking of vehicles is permitted at the associated parking locations, and
 - (2) the days of the week and the times of the day during which the parking of vehicles is not permitted at the associated parking locations;

data entry means for entering data relating to:

- (a) a selected one of the stored parking locations,
- (b) the day of the week that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location,
- (c) the time of the day that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location, and
- (d) the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location;

means for:

- (a) accessing from the data storage means, in response to the entered data relating to the selected parking location, the stored data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location, and
- (b) processing:

- (1) the entered data relating to the day of the week that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location,
- (2) the entered data relating to the time of the day that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location, and
- (3) the entered data relating to the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location

with the accessed data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location to determine:

- (1) if parking a vehicle at the selected parking location for the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location is permitted, and parking location, and
- (2) when the period of time that a vehicle is permitted to be parked at the selected parking location will expire; and

alarm means, responsive to:

- (a) the determination that parking at the selected parking location is permitted, and
- (b) the determination when the period of time that a vehicle is permitted to be parked at the selected parking location will expire,

for notifying a user of the vehicle parking assistance unit that the time period for the parking of a vehicle at the selected parking location will expire in a predetermined period of time.

24. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 wherein the data relating to parking regulations includes data relating to municipal parking regulations.

25. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 wherein the data relating to parking regulations includes data relating to on-street parking regulations.

26. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 wherein the data relating to parking regulations includes data relating to private parking regulations.

27. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 wherein:

- (a) the data storage means also store data relating to at least one of a vehicle maintenance schedule, vehicle registration expiration, vehicle registration renewal, license expiration, license renewal, an address, a telephone number, an appointment, and a calendar entry,
- (b) the data entry means also enter data relating to at least one of a vehicle maintenance schedule, vehicle registration expiration, vehicle registration renewal, license expiration, license renewal, an address, a telephone number, an appointment, and a calendar entry, and
- (c) the means for accessing and processing:
 - (1) access from the stored data relating to at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment, and the calendar entry, and
 - (2) process the entered data relating to at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment, and the calendar entry with the accessed data relating to at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment, and the calendar entry to determine at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle

registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment and the calendar entry.

28. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 further including a rechargeable battery for providing electrical power to the system.

29. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 further including a sound-activated device coupled to a vehicle door locking and unlocking mechanism and activated by a predetermined sound pattern occurring in a vicinity of the sound-activated device to operate the vehicle door locking and unlocking mechanism.

30. (Newly Added) A vehicle parking assistance electronic timer system according to claim 23 further including:

(a) a transmitter/receiver for:

- (1) receiving signals transmitted from a remote location to control the entry of data by the data entry means, and
- (2) transmitting signals to the remote location to notify a user that the permitted parking will expire in a predetermined period of time, and

(b) a remote controller for:

- (1) transmitting the signals from the remote location that control the entry of data by the data entry means, and
- (2) receiving the signals at the remote location that notify a user that the permitted parking will expire in a predetermined period of time.

31. (Newly Added) A method of alerting a person that the time period for the permitted parking of a vehicle at a selected parking location will expire in a predetermined period of time, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a vehicle parking assistance unit having:

- (a) data storage means,
- (b) data entry means, and
- (c) alarm means;

storing in the data storage means sets of data relating to:

- (a) parking locations at which a vehicle is to be parked, and
- (b) parking regulations, individually associated with the parking locations, that govern at least one of:
 - (1) the days of the week and the times of the day during which the parking of vehicles is permitted at the associated parking locations, and
 - (2) the days of the week and the times of the day during which the parking of vehicles is not permitted at the associated parking locations;

entering in the data entry means data relating to:

- (a) a selected one of the stored parking locations,
- (b) the day of the week that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location,
- (c) the time of the day that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location, and
- (d) the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location;

accessing from the data storage means, in response to the entered data relating to the selected parking location, the stored data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location;

processing:

- (a) the entered data relating to the day of the week that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location,
- (b) the entered data relating to the time of the day that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location, and
- (c) the entered data relating to the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location

with the accessed data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location to determine:

- (a) if parking a vehicle at the selected parking location for the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location is permitted, and
- (b) when the period of time that a vehicle is permitted to be parked at the selected parking location will expire; and

actuating the alarm means, in response to:

- (a) the determination that parking at the selected parking location is permitted, and
- (b) the determination when the period of time that a vehicle is permitted to be parked at the selected parking location will expire,

to notify a user of the vehicle parking assistance unit that the time period for the parking of a vehicle at the selected parking location will expire in a predetermined period of time.

32. (Newly Added) A method according to claim 31 wherein the data relating to parking regulations includes data relating to municipal parking regulations.

33. (Newly Added) A method according to claim 31 wherein the data relating to parking regulations includes data relating to on-street parking regulations.

34. (Newly Added) A method according to claim 31 wherein the data relating to parking regulations includes data relating to private parking regulations.

35. (Newly added) A method according to claim 31 wherein:
- (a) data relating to at least one of a vehicle maintenance schedule, vehicle registration expiration, vehicle registration renewal, license expiration, license renewal, an address, a telephone number, an appointment, and a calendar entry also is stored in the data storage means,
 - (b) data relating to at least one of a vehicle maintenance schedule, vehicle registration expiration, vehicle registration renewal, license expiration, license renewal, an address, a telephone number, an appointment, and a calendar entry also is entered in the data entry means,
 - (c) the data relating to at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment, and the calendar entry is accessed from the data storage means,
 - (d) the data relating to at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment, and the calendar entered in the data entry means is processed with the data relating to the data relating to at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment, and the calendar entry accessed from the data storage means to determine at least one of the vehicle maintenance schedule, the vehicle registration expiration, the vehicle registration renewal, the license expiration, the license renewal, the address, the telephone number, the appointment and the calendar entry.